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1. This opinion contains indications relating to the following items:

- ☒ Box No. I Basis of the opinion
- ☐ Box No. II Priority
- ☐ Box No. III Non-establishment of opinion with regard to novelty, inventive step and industrial applicability
- ☐ Box No. IV Lack of unity of invention
- ☒ Box No. V Reasoned statement under Rule 43bis.1(a)(i) with regard to novelty, inventive step or industrial applicability; citations and explanations supporting such statement
- ☐ Box No. VI Certain documents cited
- ☐ Box No. VII Certain defects in the international application
- ☐ Box No. VIII Certain observations on the international application

2. FURTHER ACTION

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Box No. V Reasoned statement under Rule 43bis.1(a)(i) with regard to novelty, inventive step or industrial applicability; citations and explanations supporting such statement

1. Statement

Novelty (N)	Claims	2,3,7-9	YES
	Claims	1,4-6	NO
Inventive step (IS)	Claims		YES
	Claims	1-9	NO
Industrial applicability (IA)	Claims	1-9	YES
	Claims		NO

2. Citations and explanations:

see supplemental sheet

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Re Section V.

1 Reference is made to the following document:

D1 : EP 0 684 414 A (TAIMEI KINZOKU KOGYO CO., LTD) 29.

November 1995 (11-29-1995)

2 INDEPENDENT CLAIM 1

2.1 The present application does not satisfy the requirements of Article 33(1) PCT, because the subject matter of Claim 1 is not novel within the meaning of Article 33(2) PCT.

2.2 Document D1 (cf. Figures 4-6) discloses (the references in parentheses relate to this document):

A device (1) for operating a control element (10), which has a surface (16) by which a line (28) conveying a gaseous medium may be unblocked or closed, the control element (10) operable by the device (1) being movable with the aid of an actuator, a transmission element (14) being accommodated on a final controlling element (20) of the actuator, the transmission element being guided on a support element (11, 17) that can swivel about a joint position (18), and the transmission element causing a slotted lever (11, 13) to swivel in order to actuate the control element (16).

3 DEPENDENT CLAIMS 2-9

Claims 2-9 contain no features that, in combination with the features of any claim to which they relate, satisfy the PCT requirements with regard to novelty and inventive step. The additional features of Claims 2-9 are either [known] from D1 (Claims 4-6) or relate to simple design measures (Claims 2, 3, 7, 8, and 9). One skilled in the art would utilize these features in a simple manner to an

equivalent effect, and without an inventive step, to arrive at a device according to one of Claims 2-9.

4. Industrial Applicability (Article 33(4) PCT):

The subject matter of Claims 1-9 is producible and usable within the meaning of Article 33 (4) PCT.